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- 1. Declaration and Power of Attorney
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- Letter Submitting Formal Drawings
- Formal Drawings (22 sheets, Figs. 1a-1c, 2a-2d, 3a-3d, 4a-4f/and Black and White Photographs for Figs. 1d, 2e, 3e, 4g and 4h)
- Information Disclosure Statement 5.
- 6. PTO Form 1449 with 202 references
- 7. Filing Fee of \$370.00
- Additional claim fee of \$2649.00
- Multiple Dependent Claims Fee \$140.00
- 10. Surcharge of \$65.00
- 11. Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet, and fee.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$2586. 20~7.12
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